

# JEREMIAH

*RS2/WORD material for Sunday 12th November*

## OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

1. To talk about the new covenant that God is making with his people
2. To see the themes in God's heart through the prophets.

## Materials

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3. Pellentesque pellentesque dictum urna.

## Background

*The point of this section is just to set a bit of context for the book. Pick one of the following:*

1. Look at Jeremiah 1:4-10. What is Jeremiah going to do? Is it good or bad?
2. Look at Jeremiah 2:2, 2:6-7, 2:13-14, 2:19, 2:27, 2:32 - or ask them to remember the story of the Israelites from last term. What was Israel supposed to be like? What was it actually like?
3. God uses the image of a wife to describe Israel in Jeremiah. Why? He often accuses her of being unfaithful. What can we learn from this?

## The New Covenant

*The point of this section is to read about God's love for his people and his new covenant that he will write on their hearts and minds. Pick 1 or 2 of the following:*

1. Have a discussion about the consequences of Israel turning away from God. If God is good and just, what should he do? If God is loving and merciful, what should he do?
2. Read Jeremiah 30:12-15, then 30:20-22. How does God view his people, what does he

hope to do?

3. Read Jeremiah 31:3-9. Describe God's love for his people, maybe brainstorm it.
4. Read Jeremiah 31:31-34. What is God going to do for Israel? Why?

## Themes

*The point of this is to think about who God is, and how we can see that in the prophets.*

*Some suggestions:*

1. Brainstorm ideas of who God is.
2. In two/three teams, take it in turns to name different aspects of God until one team runs out.
3. Ask who can remember what happened in Isaiah last week?
4. Compare ideas from last week and this week - God is good, he loves his people, he wants justice, he wants to see the poor looked after, the people are punished for not obeying him, he is going to bring something new to save the people etc.
5. Ask: what do you see God doing in this morning's passages? What does that tell you about who he is?

## Prayer

*Spend a few minutes reflecting on the morning and asking God to show us the new thing he is doing, or to show us his good and faithful just love.*

1. Thank God for his promises.
2. Write down your favourite attribute of God and lay them out together.
3. Pray that God will show us his love, and how we fit into his new plan for the world.